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Jane L. Rodda, Arbitrator c/o Docket Control Center Arizona Corporation Commission 1200 West Washington Street, Room 108 Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re:

In the Matter of Owest Corporation's Petition for Arbitration

Docket No. T-01051B-09-0383 Docket No. T-03335A-09-0383

Dear Arbitrator Rodda:

This petition has arisen because of the inexcusable failure to respond of North County Communications Corporation's ("NCC") prior counsel to Qwest's reasonable demands for negotiation. Since NCC has retained the firm of Dicks and Workman, APC in this matter, negotiations have moved swiftly and resolved almost all issues between the parties. Significant progress has been made on the issues identified in Qwest's pleadings, and Qwest has informed NCC that it will be presenting Interconnection Agreement language in the next few days that should finally resolve all issues, or bring us very close to resolution of all issues. Hence, both parties agree that it is highly likely we can amicably negotiate an Interconnection Agreement without recourse to the Commission for formal arbitration. Moreover, it is unlikely that NCC's counsel will have finalized its pro hoc vice application process before the current deadline for a responsive filing, further justifying a continuance of the time to respond to the complaint.

Therefore, both parties hereby request that the Commission stay all action in this proceeding for thirty (30) additional days so that the parties may conclude private negotiations. Both parties feel it is very likely this slight delay would provide the parties the time needed to resolve the dispute and remove this burden from the Commission's busy docket altogether.

Very truly yours,

DICKS & WORKMAN, APC

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